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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, CY  
SUBJECT: NEW ROUND OF VIOLENCE

SUMMARY: MAJOR UPSURGE IN BOMB ATTACKS FOLLOWS GOVT ARRESTS  
OF EOKA-B SUPPORTERS. IKSFAMAGUSTA, EOKA-B DEMONSTRATES  
CONSIDERABLE STRENGTH AND ORGANIZATION. MOST TROUBLESOME  
DEVELOPMENT IS POLITICAL MURDER LIMASSOL. TURKS REACT  
PREDICTABLY, HAVE SO FAR NOT CALLED ALERT. END SUMMARY

1. PAST FEW DAYS HAVE WITNESSED MAJOR UPSURGE IN VIOLENCE  
ON ISLAND. NUMEROUS BOMB ATTACKS IN FAMAGUSTA AND LARNACA  
DISTRICTS HAVE MAINLY HIT GOCYPRUS BUILDINGS (CUSTOMS, POLICE,  
PUBLIC WORKS), AND PROPERTY OF PROMINENT PRO-MAKARIOS MP,  
LEADER CONSERVATIVE FARMERS' UNION (PEK), AND EDITOR  
OF NEW PRO-MAKARIOS WEEKLY "ELEFTHEROS LAOS", HADJIHERACLEOUS.  
BOMB BLASTS CONTINUING AS OF EARLY JUNE 17.

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2. JUNE 16 PEK LIMASSOL OFFICIAL KILLED, POLICE INSPECTOR AND ONE OTHER WOUNDED IN BRUTAL AMBUSH OUTSIDE CITY. POLICE QUICKLY ARRESTED SEVEN SUSPECTS. ARRESTS IN ISLAND-WIDE SWEEPS RECENT WEEKS NOW TOTAL MORE THAN 40.

3. TURK CYPRIOT PRESS HAS REACTED PREDICTABLY, POINTING OUT CONTINUING NEED FOR OWN SECURITY. UNFORTUNATELY, PRESS HAS TIED INTRA-GREEK VIOLENCE TO ONGOING AYIA IRINI DISPUTE (NICOSIA 1118), IN WHICH 12 TURK CYPRIOTS HAVE BEEN CHARGED IN GREEK CYPRIOT COURT (ALONG WITH THREE GREEK VILLAGERS). TURKISH LANGUAGE PAPERS ALSO ALLEGE GREEK CYPRIOTS CUTTING OFF WATER TO TURKISH FIELDS SAME VILLAGE. TCPA HAS ASKED UNFICYP USE ITS GOOD OFFICES TO (A) GET CHARGES DROPPED AND (B) RESTORE NORMAL SITUATION IN VILLAGE. TURK CYPRIOT CONTACTS MAINTAIN BOMBINGS AND SHOOTING (ABOVE) HAVE NOT RPT NOT RESULTED TMT ALERT, ALTHOUGH SPECIFIC UNITS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED "BE MORE VIGILANT."

4. COMMENT: LATEST ACTIVITY BY EOKA-B CAMP INDICATES STRENGTH AND DEPTH THAT GOCYPRUS HAS SOUGHT DENY IN WIDELY PUBLICIZED SWEEPS. SIGNIFICANTLY, NONE OF NEW ARRESTEES APPEARS TO COME FROM LARGE GROUP AMNESTIED BY MAKARIOS AFTER GRIVAS' DEATH LAST JANUARY. WE SUSPECT NEW WAVE OF BOMB ATTACKS INTENDED AS EOKA-B RETALIATION FOR RECENT ARRESTS, AND AS EFFORT DISPELL GOVT PROPAGANDA THAT ORGANIZATION BEING ROLLED UP. SPECIFIC CAUSE MAY HAVE BEEN EARLIER BOMB ATTACK ON HOME OF KIKIS CONSTANTINOU, FAMAGUSTA LEADER OF EOKA-B; CONCEIVABLY ALSO, CONSTANTINOU CHOSE TO LAUNCH MASSIVE CAMPAIGN TO DISCREDIT REPORTED MODERATE ELEMENTS WHO SEEK POLITICAL CHANNEL FOR EOKA-B STRUGGLE. MOST UNSETTLING DEVELOPMENT IS FIRST CLEAR "POLITICAL MURDER" IN MANY MONTHS. OUTLOOK IS FOR CONTINUED GOVT SECURITY SWEEPS, PROBABLY MORE SUCH RESPONSES FROM EOKA-B.  
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